

REMARKS

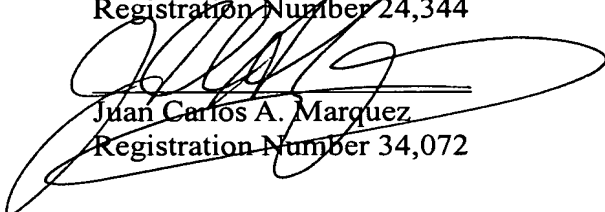
The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated on August 23, 2006. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Group II, Species I: claims 6-9, and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Group II, Species I: claims 6-9 as depicted in Figures 5A-5D, has been elected without traverse, to continue prosecution in this application, while other species are withdrawn from further prosecution without prejudice. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application on any or all of the non-elected species or claims.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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